

REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2002, Applicant submits this Amendment and Response.

The Examiner has noted that the listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement and that unless such references have been cited by the Examiner on Form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

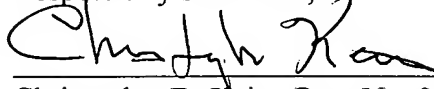
Applicant referred to ten United States patents in the specification. All of these patents have been listed by the Examiner on Form PTO-892. However, a typographical error was made in the specification and the patent listed in paragraph [0005] of the specification as "U.S. Pat. No. 5,940,188 to Van Schyndel" should have read "U.S. Pat. No. 5,940,118 to Van Schyndel." This patent (and others) is being submitted in an Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith. This Amendment corrects the error in the specification.

The Examiner rejected claims 9 - 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. This Amendment addresses each of the Examiner's bases for rejection.

The Examiner states that "Claims 1 - 9 and 14 - 16 are allowed." However, it is believed that the Examiner intended to reject claim 9, as stated above. The Amendment makes this point moot.

It is submitted that all the claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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